

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

MAKING A SPLASH! in Lexington's East End



Lexington got even cooler on May 2 with the groundbreaking of Splash!, an interactive water-play project in Charles Young Park in Lexington's East End neighborhood. The free attraction is for kids of all ages and abilities and will be completed in 2023, just in time for next summer.

Splash! has been years in the making, and Blue Grass Community Foundation was there every step of the way.

Lexington's East End was long overdue for a free, walkable water-play feature accessible to neighborhood families.

In 2016, the Community Foundation partnered with Gehl Studios, the Knight Foundation, Lexington Parks and Recreation, Lexington Downtown Development Authority and East End residents to document the need for kid-friendly water features and family-friendly green spaces in the neighborhood. Feedback from East End residents guided the

development and design of Splash! and the new playground in Charles Young Park.

Splash! will simulate the bubbling brooks and shallow wading creeks of our signature Bluegrass rural landscape. The area will have shade trees, native plantings, stepping stones and simulated hills.

Interpretive signs and public art will chronicle the history of Kentucky native Charles Young, who graduated from the U.S. Military Academy (West Point) in 1889 and became the first African American to be awarded the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army. The water feature will also celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the East End neighborhood.

Town Branch Commons, part of the trail system that traces the historic Town Branch Creek through downtown Lexington, will soon be located next to Charles Young Park, making Splash! an easy walk or bike ride away for neighborhood families.

Blue Grass Community Foundation gave a total of \$1.05 million to the project. The Knight Foundation Fund at BGCF issued a \$600,000 matching challenge grant. Donors who answered the challenge included the James and Martha Monroe Charitable Fund at BGCF, Elhapa Foundation, J.M. Smucker Co. and Community Ventures.

"The Community Foundation is committed to investing in projects that make our neighborhoods more equitable for everyone," said Lisa Adkins, president/CEO of Blue Grass Community Foundation. "We are thrilled with the results of this civic collaboration."

To learn how you can collaborate with Blue Grass Community Foundation to make a real and lasting difference in your neighborhood, contact



Lisa Adkins at ladkins@bgcf.org or 859.225.3343

LEXINGTON BLACK PROSPERITY INITIATIVE ANNOUNCES 2022 GRASSROOTS BLACK LEADERSHIP AWARDS HONOREES

The Lexington Black Prosperity Initiative (LBPI), a community-advised committee of BGCF, presents the 2022 class of Grassroots Black Leadership Award honorees. The 2022 award was initiated in 2021 to recognize and invest in individuals who are on the frontlines leading the vital work of addressing racial equity, disparities in the Black community and social justice across Lexington. Award winners received an unrestricted stipend of \$5,000 in recognition of their efforts at the grassroots level to affect change in our community.



The Lexington Black Prosperity Initiative is honored to recognize these grassroots leaders who are addressing racial equity, disparities in the Black community and social justice in Lexington.

— Tiffany Daniels, LBPI co-chair.



Gerald “Geo” Gibson **Operation Making a Change**

Gerald “Geo” Gibson is founder of Operation Making a Change, a Lexington nonprofit that works to provide equal opportunity for youth and young adults of color who have experienced inequities in the judicial system. Gibson’s program teaches self-worth, encouragement and motivation, and is based on the premise that everyone deserves a chance to prove they can be productive citizens regardless of their past.

Martina and Marcellus Barksdale **SoulFeast Week**

Twins Martina and Marcellus Barksdale are the founders of SoulFeast Week, which highlights and supports Black culinary and agricultural endeavors in Central Kentucky. SoulFeast grew out of the Barksdales’ #19DaysOfBlackBiz challenge in June 2020 as a communal effort to stimulate Black-owned businesses. Martina is currently a producer and TV host for WKYT’s Everyday Kentucky, and Marcellus is an event manager and consultant who also serves on the LFUCG Parks & Recreation advisory board and the Kentucky Black Bourbon Guild board of directors.

Jaria Gordon and David Laurenvil **Kids Makelt**

Jaria Gordon and David Laurenvil are the founders of Kids Makelt, a unique 21st century educational institution solely focused on exposing youth to science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) skills and careers. In 2021, hundreds of Kids Makelt students in North Lexington and beyond learned about coding, microcomputers, aeronautics, science, art, urban agriculture and engineering. Graduates of Kids Makelt have gone on to excel in academic, community and business endeavors.

Learn more about the Lexington



Black Prosperity Initiative and the Grassroots Black Leadership Award honorees at bgcf.org/racialequity.



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THE SUM OF US FOR ALL OF US

HEATHER MCGHEE

New York Times best-selling author Heather McGhee spoke to a packed and engaged house about the themes in her book, *The Sum of Us*, on Thursday, April 28, at the University of Kentucky Gatton Student Center Grand Ballroom. Heather regaled the crowd with stories about what she learned while writing the book and what she has learned since she finished writing the book in the summer of 2020. She continues to travel across the country, conducting research on systemic racism's true impact, which she'll use for the podcast she is developing, due to be released this fall.

Heather's keynote address was followed by an enlightening conversation with Renee Shaw, director of public affairs for KET,



bringing the themes in *The Sum of Us* home to Kentucky.

The evening was hosted by Blue Grass Community Foundation, in partnership with the University of Kentucky Office for Institutional Diversity, as part of our ongoing commitment to advancing racial equity. It would not have been possible without the support of our community partners: Lexington Black Prosperity Initiative, CivicLex, Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass, Lexington Herald-Leader, Lexington Public Library, Lexington Racial Justice and Equality Commission, RADIOLEX and WUKY, and the generous funding support of the Walton Family Foundation.



“An Evening with Heather McGhee’ was a beautiful and inspiring event, but it’s just one part of a series of engaging and thought-provoking opportunities for our community to collectively come together to explore how racial equity can improve the quality of life for everyone,” said Lisa Higgins-Hord, co-chair of the Lexington Black Prosperity Initiative, a community-advised, permanent charitable endowment of Blue Grass Community Foundation.

Better Together Grants

Lexington Black Prosperity Initiative will soon be announcing Better Together Grants award winners. Thanks to a total \$150,000 investment from LBPI, Walton Family Foundation and Blue Grass Community Foundation, LBPI will support up to 10 innovative projects that address themes in *The Sum of Us* and advance racial equity in Fayette County. Nonprofit, education and government institutions situated in Fayette County were eligible to apply.

The Better Together Grants will award six grants of \$5,000 for small-scale projects, two grants of \$10,000 each for mid-scale projects

and two grants of \$50,000 for larger-scale projects. Stay tuned for more announcements!

Groundwater Training

Blue Grass Community Foundation, in partnership with its Knight Foundation Donor Advised Charitable Fund, will underwrite the participation of up to 400 community members in a web-based training opportunity provided by the Racial Equity Institute (REI).

This three-hour interactive training, known as the Groundwater approach, will be offered on multiple dates and times to encourage diverse community participation. Groundwater training is ideal for people and organizations who want to proactively understand and address racism, both in their organizations and in the community.

In this webinar, REI organizers use stories and data to present a perspective that racism is fundamentally structural in nature, helping participants understand that we live in a racially structured society, and that is what causes racial inequity.

Visit bgcf.org/groundwater to learn more about available dates and to register!

ALL ABOUT ENDOWMENTS

Thanks to the Endow Kentucky Tax Credit, there has never been a better time to invest in the future of our community. Gifts to endowed charitable funds at Blue Grass Community Foundation are eligible for up to 20% in state tax credits. Unlike tax deductions, tax credits are subtracted from a donor's tax bill, dollar for dollar. A gift of \$5,000 can reduce what you owe in state taxes by \$1,000. A gift of \$50,000 can reduce your tax bill by \$10,000. And this is in addition to your federal and state charitable tax deduction.

But these credits go fast! The Kentucky Department of Revenue begins accepting applications for Endow Kentucky Tax Credits on

July 1. All applications submitted between July 1 and July 7 are guaranteed to receive at least a prorated portion.

An endowment's income provides annual support for charities and charitable causes in perpetuity. Whether it's supporting an existing endowment at BGCF or creating one of your own, we can help. A gift to an endowment fund is an investment in today and tomorrow.

Would you like to make a gift that qualifies for the Endow Kentucky Tax Credit? Call us at 859.225.3343 or visit bgcf.org/endowky to learn more.

BGCF365: A SOUND INVESTMENT

Five years ago, philanthropists John and Donna Hall wanted to start an initiative to inspire the next generation of givers, and they came to BGCF to help make their idea a reality. Out of this collaboration came BGCF365: a giving circle for charitable Lexingtonians in their 20s, 30s and 40s who commit to giving just \$1 a day, or \$365 annually. The Halls invested \$365,000 in an endowment, and thanks to the power of endowments, their initial investment has nearly doubled. Coupled with BGCF365 membership dues, this endowment has powered \$125,000 in grants to local nonprofits since 2017.

In March, BGCF365 held its annual meeting and voted to award five grants totaling \$25,000 to nonprofits working to create healthier neighborhoods in Fayette County.

Refuge Clinic was awarded \$10,000 to provide dental, medical and mental health care for uninsured or underinsured individuals in Fayette County living at 200% or below federal poverty guidelines. The grant from BGCF365 will bridge the gap for lab services, pharmaceuticals, wraparound services, and medical and dental supplies for Refuge Clinic patients.

"We are so humbled and grateful for the generous support of BGCF365," said Rachel Smith, Refuge



Clinic executive director. "Funding will go directly toward providing free health care to those who need it most in our community."

E7 Kids Cafe was awarded \$7,500 to fund its afterschool enrichment program located in Westminster Village. The program provides meals, tutoring and STEAM activities four days a week, offering qualifying students at Picadome Elementary a safe place to eat, play, learn and grow after school.

Children's Law Center, God's Pantry Food Bank and Lexington Rescue Mission each received awards of \$2,500.

Exciting changes to BGCF365 are coming soon! Lexingtonians in their 20s, 30s and 40s who want to make a bigger impact with their charitable giving can learn more about BGCF365 and sign up for a 2022 membership online at bgcf.org/bgcf365. Monthly payment plans are available. All contributions are tax deductible.



Money Doesn't Grow On Trees. It Grows In Endowments.



Assumes 4% payout and 7% rate of return.

Endowed Funds at BGCF

Community-Based Funds

Fund for Greater Lexington
Clark County Community Foundation
Franklin County Community Fund
Harrison County Community Fund
Madison County Community Fund
Magoffin County Community Fund
Rowan County Community Fund
Woodford County Community Fund
Fund for Appalachia Kentucky

BGCF Initiative Funds

Lexington Black Prosperity Initiative
BGCF365 Hall Endowment
BGCF Civic Leadership Fund

Agency and Designated Funds

African American Forum Fund
All Children in Need Endowment Fund
Ampersand Sexual Violence Resource Center
of the Bluegrass Endowed Fund
Anderson-Dean Park Fund
Arbor Youth Services Endowment Fund
American Spiritual Ensemble Endowment Fund
Ashland Terrace Retirement Home
Endowment Fund
Ashland, The Henry Clay Estate Endowment Fund
Audrey Rooney Vocal Competition Fund
Baby Health Services Endowed Fund
Battle of Richmond (KY) Fund
Berea Opportunity Fund
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass
Endowed Fund
Big Sandy Diabetes Coalition Endowment
Blessing Hands Endowment Fund
Bluegrass Care Navigators Fund
Bluegrass Land Conservancy Fund
Bluegrass Greensource Endowment Fund
Bodley-Bullock House Endowment Fund
BUILD (Building a United Interfaith Lexington
through Direct action) Fund
Calvary Baptist Church Endowment Fund
Camp Horsin' Around Endowment Fund
Carnegie Center Endowment Fund
CASA of Lexington Endowed Fund
CASA of the Bluegrass Endowment
Cave Run Symphony Orchestra Fund
Central Kentucky Audubon Society Endowment
Central Music Academy Endowment
Charles H. Stone Endowed Fund
to support the Chamber Music Festival of
Lexington
Child Development Centers of the Bluegrass
Endowed Fund
Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass
Endowed Fund
Chrysalis House Endowed Fund
CKYO MusicWorks Endowment Fund
Clark County Animal Shelter Fund
Clark County Community Services
Endowment Fund
Clark County Homeless Coalition
Endowment Fund
Community Action Council RSVP Fund
Community Action Council Fund
Curious Forever Endowment Fund
Elizabeth Cannon Fund
to support the First Church of Christ, Scientist
Elizabeth Rosenberg Fund
of the Jewish Federation FBO the PJ Library
Ellen and Herb Moelis Industry Service Award
to support Thoroughbred Charities of America
Endow Jewish Lexington Fund
Flight 5191 Memorial Preservation Fund
Franklin County Trust
for Historic Preservation Endowment
Frankfort Parks, Recreation & Historic Sites
Endowed Foundation

Franklin County Humane Society Endowment
Friends of McConnell Springs Endowed Fund
Friends of the Kentucky Theatre Endowed Fund
Friends of the Lexington Senior Center
Endowment Fund
Frontier Nursing University Endowment
FUMC of Cynthiana Children's Fund
Garbulinska Initiative Endowed Fund
to support Lexington Philharmonic
Gateway Regional Arts Center Fund
Georgetown & Scott County Museum Foundation
GleanKY Endowed Fund
Global Adoption, Counseling,
Cultural Resources, Inc. Endowment
God's Pantry Food Bank Hunger Relief Fund
GreenHouse17, Inc. Endowed Fund
Growing Together Preschool Endowed Fund
Harrison Memorial Hospital Agency
Endowment Fund
Hazel Burns Education Foundation
for Oneida Baptist Institute
Headley-Whitney Endowment Fund
Henry T. Duncan Memorial Fund
to support the Fayette County Bar Association
HEP Endowment Fund
for First Presbyterian Church
Historic Christ Church Preservation Fund
Hope's Wings Endowment
Hospice Care Plus Endowment Fund
J.K.R McClanahan Foundation
to support Eastland Church of God
James F. Glenn Fund for Indigent Medical Care
to support the University of Kentucky
Human Needs Fund
Jane Keeble Resident Education Fund
to support the University of Kentucky
Department of Surgery
Jean B Ezzell Foundation Account
for First Presbyterian Church
Jeff A. Woods Endowment
for the University of Kentucky College of Law
Josephine Sculpture Park Endowment Fund
Just Fund Education Project
Keith MacAdam Endowment
for the Kentucky Nature Preserves
Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter SWCS
Endowment Fund
Kentucky Equal Justice Center Endowment Fund
Kentucky Historical Society Kentucky Treasures
Endowment Fund
Kentucky Law Enforcement
Memorial Foundation Fund
Kentucky Natural Lands Trust Endowment Fund
Kentucky Refugee Ministries Endowment Fund
Kentucky Resources Foundation
Kentucky River Foothills Development
Council Fund
KSDAR Endowed Fund
for Duncan Tavern Historic Center
LCHS Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund
Leeds Center for the Arts Endowment Fund
Legacy Greenscapes Endowment Fund
LexArts Fund
Lex-Care Endowment Fund
Lexington Children's Theater Fund
Lexington Community Radio Endowment Fund
Lexington Fairness Endowed Fund
Lexington History Museum Endowment Fund
Lexington Humane Society Endowment Fund
Lexington Leadership Foundation
Endowment FBO Amachi Central Kentucky
Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra Foundation
Lexington Public Library Clock,
Pendulum and Rotunda Preservation Fund
Lexington Rescue Mission Endowed Fund
The Lexington Theatre Company Endowment
Life Plan of Kentucky Endowment Fund
Living Arts & Science Center Fund

Lower Howard's Creek Heritage Park Fund
Madison County Athenaeum Fund
to support the Madison County Public Library
in Berea and Richmond
Martin Luther King Neighborhood Association
Endowment Fund
Mary Louise Young and Mary Lillard Young Fund
to support Central Christian Church
Millie E. and Gayle J. Adams Memorial Fund
to support Cancer Research at the
Lucille Markey Cancer Research Center
Mission Health Lexington Endowment Fund
Montessori High School Endowment Fund
Morehead Optimist Club Endowment Fund
Mt. Sterling-Montgomery Co.
Parks and Recreation
The Nest Center for Women, Children & Families
Endowment Fund
New Opportunity School For Women
Endowed Fund
Newton's Attic Endowment Fund
NoLi CDC Endowment Fund
Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency Fund
Ohavay Synagogue Endowed Fund
One Parent Family Facility/Virginia Place Fund
Opera Lex Endowment
Pam Hammonds Memorial Endowed Fund
for Central Music Academy
Paris Animal Welfare Society Endowed Fund
Paris-Bourbon County YMCA Endowed Fund
Post Clinic Endowment Fund
Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence
Endowed Fund
Primate Rescue Center Endowment Fund
Providence Montessori Endowment Fund
Radio Eye Endowment
Ralph W. Gabbard Educational Fund
to support the Governor's Scholar Program
Richmond Area Arts Council Endowed Fund
Rockcastle Karst Conservancy Legacy
Endowment Fund
Rose Mary C. Brooks Place Fund
Rowan County Arts Promotion Foundation
Rowan365 Endowed Fund
Save The Grand Theatre Fund
Saykaly Garbulinska Philharmonic Foundation
Composer-In-Residence Fund
Serve Kentucky Foundation
Seton Catholic School Endowment Fund
Shaker Village Endowment Fund
Shoulder to Shoulder Global Endowed Fund
St. Agatha Academy Endowment Fund
Step by Step Endowment Fund
Surgery on Sunday Endowment Fund
Temple Adath Israel Blue Grass Fund
Thoroughbred Charities of America
Endowment Fund
United States Pony Clubs Endowment Fund
W. Paul and Lucille Caudill Little Endowment
for Lexington Children's Theatre
to support Outreach Programs in Elliott
and Rowan Counties
W. Paul and Lucille Caudill Little Endowment
for the Morehead Theatre Guild
Wilderness Trace Child Development Center
Endowed Fund
Woodford County Rural Land Board
Endowed Fund
Woodford Humane Society Endowment Fund
Woods & Waters Land Trust Endowment
YMCA of Central Kentucky Endowment Fund
Zantker Endowed Fund for PJ Library Bluegrass



'A CONCERT FOR KENTUCKY'

RAISES OVER \$1 MILLION FOR OUTLAW STATE OF KIND HOMETOWN FUND



Photo by Andy Barron

Chris Stapleton's "A Concert for Kentucky" stadium show raised over \$1 million dollars for the **Outlaw State of Kind Hometown Fund** at BGCF. Held on Saturday, April 23, the sold-out event was the first concert ever held at University of Kentucky's Kroger Field and featured performances by Stapleton along with Willie Nelson and Family, Sheryl Crow and Madeline Edwards.

An arm of Chris and Morgane Stapleton's Outlaw State of Kind charitable fund, the Hometown Fund is administered by Blue Grass Community Foundation and supports a variety of causes close to the couple's heart in Chris' home state of Kentucky. Initial Hometown Fund grants include \$250,000 to The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, as well as additional pledges to the American Red

Cross, UK HealthCare Kentucky Children's Hospital, the Community Foundation of Western Kentucky's Disaster Relief Fund and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Additional Hometown Fund grants will continue to be made throughout the year.

Of the evening, Stapleton shared, "Every night we walk on a stage, we do our best to help people forget their troubles or celebrate or remember or hope or heal. Every night we play, a portion of those profits always goes to charity. As a musician I can't think of a greater honor than reaching a point where we can play a show for 40,000 people and give all of the profits back to a community that has been so unfailingly loyal and supportive. It is a tremendously pure and rewarding moment to get to provide the medicine that is music in

that space. I'm grateful to everyone who came to the show and to all of the musicians, managers, agents and crew members who made this moment possible."

Jane Higgins, BGCF's director of community advancement, has been in communication with the Stapletons and their team since day one. "It is truly tremendous; I have been so in awe and so humbled by their generosity," said Jane. "I look forward to collaborating with them on the best opportunities and the greatest needs for the funds raised by 'A Concert for Kentucky.'"



Looking to give back to your hometown? BGCF can help! Contact Jane Higgins, director of community advancement at janehiggins@bgcf.org or 859.225.3343.





HOMETOWN LEGACY

Blue Grass Community Foundation hosts a network of endowed community funds in Clark, Franklin, Fayette, Harrison, Madison, Magoffin, Rowan and Woodford counties, each seeking to improve the quality of life in its geography. In partnership with local leaders, these funds work to increase charitable giving and build local charitable resources to impact their communities' greatest needs and opportunities.

This month, we're asking everyone to join us in supporting the home county where you grew up, raised a family or built a business.

Supporting your home county's community fund is a way to give back to the community that has provided you with special memories, friendships and opportunities. There's never been a better time to give back than during the Annual Community Fund Campaign. And you can give in a way that's customized to your particular situation, either through a one-time gift, a multi-year pledge or through your estate.

If you need extra incentive, your gift may also qualify for special Endow Kentucky Tax Credits (learn more on pages 4 and 5).

Keeping the Memories Alive

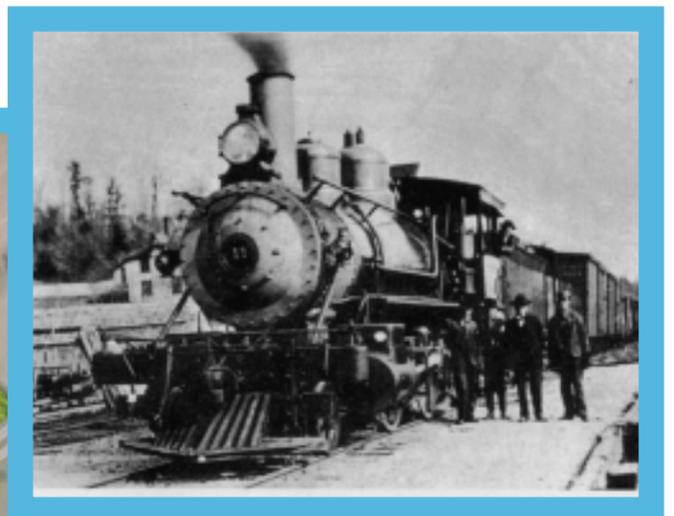
On August 29, 1871, Jerry Gatewood, formerly enslaved and a U.S. Colored Troop veteran, purchased the first 5-acre parcel of what would become Hometown Hamlet in Woodford County.

Hometown was one of hundreds of all-Black towns established after the Civil War by formerly enslaved people. Its 50 acres were home to about 200 people and their businesses and farms. The Hometown Colored School was open on the site from 1895 to 1940, and the Riney-B railroad ran directly through the community, with two daily whistle-stops, until 1932. The land itself, a wetland, was prone to flooding. Nevertheless, the Hometown community thrived for over 130 years.

In 1965, construction of the Bluegrass Parkway bisected the Hometown community and appropriated a number of residents' homes and farms. Severe, persistent flooding prompted more and more residents to leave. In 2000, a Woodford County community development block grant funded the relocation of remaining residents. By 2005, all of Hometown's structures — its homes and businesses — had been torn down.

Except for the fond memories of former Hometown residents, the history of this important community might have been forgotten. But now a project initiated and funded in part by the Woodford County Community Fund and guided by Woodford County residents is helping to tell its story.

On August 28, 2021, the 150th anniversary of Jerry Gatewood's purchase of the first 5-acre tract, the Hometown Community Interpretive



Park was dedicated. Former residents and their families were in attendance.

Now a part of Woodford County Park system, the 38-acre green space honors the legacy of the historic Hometown community once located there. University of Kentucky landscape architecture students are creating an overall plan that will include community gardens, boardwalks, walking trails, pavilions,

and memorials to the Hometown Colored School and the U.S. Colored Troops. UK students are also interviewing former residents and recording oral histories.

Community Funds are the perfect vehicle for accomplishing meaningful projects like the Hometown Community Interpretive Park. BGCF is proud to host the Woodford County Community Fund as part of its network of charitable community funds in central and eastern Kentucky.



I ♥ MY COMMUNITY AND WANT TO GIVE TO THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND:

- Clark Fayette Franklin Harrison Madison Magoffin Rowan Woodford
- Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____
- I commit to give \$ _____ each year for the next five years.
- I would like to make my gift after July 1, to earn Endow Kentucky Tax Credits. (We will contact you with instructions.)
- I would like to learn more about making my gift using stocks/other appreciated assets.
- I am interested in making a gift through my estate.

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Blue Grass Community Foundation creates more generous, vibrant and engaged communities by growing charitable giving throughout the Bluegrass and Appalachia Kentucky.



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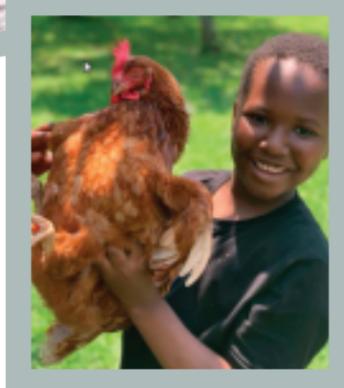
GRANT SPOTLIGHT

RAKIFI CENTER

Did you know that Swahili is the third most spoken language in Lexington? The Rafiki Center generates cross-cultural connections between Lexington and its fast-growing Swahili-speaking community.

In the summer of 2021, Rafiki Center received a grant of \$1,860 from the Lexington Black Prosperity Initiative to support its Kids Swahili Summer Camp. This six-week summer program served a total of 60 kids, ages 5-16 years. The children learned Swahili and connected to their African culture and history through hands-on activities. The grant provided lunch and snacks for kids and

volunteers, supported transportation needs, and supplied materials for lessons, games and crafts.



Rafiki Center will be offering Swahili Summer Camp again in 2022 and is in need of volunteers! Visit rafikicenter.com/summervolunteers to learn more and sign up.

FROM LISA ADKINS

Our President's Letter

Money doesn't grow on trees; it grows in endowments. We say it all the time around the Community Foundation, because we know how true it is. This issue of BGCFyi proves the point that charitable endowments play a critical role in sustaining and enhancing the quality of life across our communities. For BGCF fundholders and donors, it's a terrific way to perpetuate one's values and priorities, create a permanent legacy and make a significant investment in the future. For nonprofit organizations and causes, it creates an ongoing stream of income, diversifies the funding base, enhances sustainability and promotes more giving.

We are so fortunate the state of Kentucky incentivizes endowed charitable giving at community foundations through the Endow Kentucky Tax Credit program. The team at BGCF is here to help you build your charitable legacy and invest in the communities and organizations you love. If you're interested in establishing an endowed charitable fund or applying for Endow Kentucky tax credits, don't hesitate to contact me.



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